



AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER + HOWARD SHOOK

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 154-115 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; TO REDEFINE THE BILLING PROCEDURES FOR WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS IN CONDOMINIUM AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS SERVICED BY ONE WATER METER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has developed the Clean Water Atlanta plan to achieve compliance with the Clean Water Act standards pursuant to a lawsuit against the City and two federal consent decree settlements; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Clean Water Atlanta plan is estimated to be \$3.2 Billion; and

WHEREAS, to finance this plan, the City of Atlanta has approved rate increases of 45% in 2004, 45% in 2005, 11% in 2006, 11% in 2007, and 11% in 2008; and

WHEREAS, condominium buildings and apartment buildings that are serviced by one meter are billed as a "large consumer" of water such as a hotel or office complex; and

WHEREAS, such condominium buildings and apartment buildings are made up of many units and the average usage per unit would place each renter or homeowner at a lower rate level if based on individual meters; and

WHEREAS, the current rate system unfairly treats multi-unit communities that have only one meter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 154-115 be amended to read "The water and sewer billing system shall be modified to take into account the number of occupied units being served in a multi-family building and applying the applicable rate based on the average consumption per unit."

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby waived.